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Status

1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 23 March 2007.
 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4) Claim(s) 1-4 and 17-20 is/are pending in the application.
 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
 6) Claim(s) 1-4 and 17-20 is/are rejected.
 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
 2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
 3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
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4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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 6) Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

1. This Office Action is in response to the amendment filed 03/23/07. claims 1-4 and 17-20 are pending. Currently no claims are in condition for allowance.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 101

2. 35 U.S.C. 101 reads as follows:

Whoever invents or discovers any new and useful process, machine, manufacture, or composition of matter, or any new and useful improvement thereof, may obtain a patent therefor, subject to the conditions and requirements of this title.

Claims 1-4 and 17-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101 because the claimed invention is directed to non-statutory subject matter. Claims 1 and 17 recited; “modulating a message..”, modifying the message...” and “modulating the single modified message...” without being limited to a practical application.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

3. Claims 17-19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Kazmi et al. (US 2002/0159416).

Regarding claim 17, Kazmi discloses a method for frequency and channel assignment for sectors in a spread spectrum communications system, the method comprising:
modulating a message on a first synchronization channel transmitted on at least one first frequency from at least one sector (*it is inherent to modulate a data [for example: adjusting its power; transposing at the correct burst frequency etc.] Fig. 1 shows: a communication path includes a radio link formed between a base station 12 and the appropriate mobile station 14 [14a is constructed to be operable pursuant to IS-95 standard; and 14b is constructed to*

operable pursuant to IS-2000 standard]. Each radio link 26 includes a forward CDMA channel 27 and a reverse CDMA channel 28; as is known in the art that a forward link and a reverse link are allocated separate frequencies);

modifying the message to generate a single modified message beginning with a Protocol Revision (P REV) field and ending with an Extended CDMA frequency Assignment (EXT CDMA FREQ) field (TYPE II message 400 includes P_REV 330 and EXT_CDMA_FREQ206; see figs. 4, 5 and 6; TYPE II sync paragraph 0039-0042);

modulating the modified message on a second synchronization channel transmitted on at least one second frequency from the at least one sector (0037-0039).

Regarding claim 18, Kazmi discloses the method wherein the CDMA FREQ field consists of eleven bits; and the EXT CDMA FREQ field consists of eleven bits (see fig. 2).

Regarding claim 19, Kazmi discloses the method wherein the modulating the modified message on a second synchronization channel transmitted on at least one second frequency from the at least one sector comprises: deleting at least one field, occurring after the EXT CDMA FREQ field, from message (0036).

Allowable Subject Matter

4. Claim 20 is objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

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Response to Arguments

5. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-4 and 17-20 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Saba Tsegaye whose telephone number is (571) 272-3091. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday (7:30-5:00), First Friday off.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Chi H. Pham can be reached on (571) 272-3179. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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